

APPENDIX A

1. (Amended) A composite element having the following layer structure:

- (iv) from 2 to 20 mm of metal,
- (v) from 10 to 300 mm of polyisocyanate polyaddition products [obtainable by reacting] comprising the reaction product of (a) isocyanates with (b) compounds which are reactive toward isocyanates in the presence of from 0.1 to 50% by volume, based on the volume of the polyisocyanate polyaddition products, of at least one gas (c) and also, [if desired] optionally, (d) catalysts and/or (f) auxiliaries and/or additives,
- (vi) from 2 to 20 mm of metal.

7. (Amended) A process for producing a composite element as claimed in any of claims 1 to 5, wherein polyisocyanate polyaddition products (ii) which adhere to (i) and (iii) are prepared between (i) and (iii) by reacting (a) isocyanates with (b) compounds which are reactive toward isocyanates in the presence of from 0.1 to 50% by volume, based on the volume of the polyisocyanate polyaddition products, of at least one gas (c) and also, [if desired] optionally, (d) catalysts and/or (e) auxiliaries and/or additives.

10. (Amended) A composite element [obtainable by] obtained in accordance with a process as claimed in claim 7.